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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: US, TZ
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE'S JUNE 8 STATEMENT AND USG REACTION

1. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION OF WASHINGTON'S
HANDLING OF THE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK. TIMING AND TONE OF THE
PRESIDENT'S LETTER WERE EXCELLENT. THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS
GUIDANCE AND VOA'S COVERAGE WERE EXACTLY ON THE MARK. WE SET
THE RECORD STRAIGHT WITHOUT PROVOKING RECRIMINATIONS. WHAT
COULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTROUS CHALLENGE TO OUR ABILITY TO WORK
WITH RADICAL AFRICA ON OUR OWN HONEST TERMS APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN WEATHERED. MIRABILE DICTU, WE SEEM TO HAVE DONE EVERYTHING
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RIGHT.

2. IT IS TOO EARLY YET TO ASSESS DEFINITELY THE IMPLICATIONS
OF (A) PRESIDENT NYERERE'S JUNE 8 STATEMENT CHARGING THE US
WITH INVOLVEMENT IN THE PAN AFRICA FORCE AND RECOLONIZATION
OF AFRICA AND (B) OUR REACTION TO THAT STATEMENT.

3. PUBLICLY-EXPRESSED US CONCERNS ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA HAVE CAUSED NYERERE TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL DOUBTS ABOUT US INTENTIONS IN AFRICA. HE COULD EASILY BECOME EXCITED AGAIN.

4. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS AT THE MOMENT THAT THE FLURRY HAS PASSED AND THAT NYERERE REMAINS DESIROUS OF COOPERATION WITH US. MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM ON JUNE 12 INDICATED HIS CONTINUED INTEREST IN A WESTERN-SPONSORED NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. ITS TONE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER COOPERATION ON RHODESIA AND THAT NYERERE'S SUDDEN UPSURGE OF DOUBT ABOUT USG BONA FIDES ON OTHER AFRICAN ISSUES HAD BEEN ALLAYED.
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